



Maximizing the Healing Power of Nature and
Recreation for Our Military Family

R4 Alliance: Who We are

R4 Alliance is a membership of programs of excellence providing therapeutic and community based **Recreation** services to Our Military Family. We are focused and committed to achieving the highest quality services through collaborative efforts in **Research**, education, standards of excellence, economic viability, and continuum of care across our service community. We believe these services are essential to the holistic **Rehabilitation** and **Reintegration** of Our Military Family.

R4 Alliance Mission

To maximize potential for Our Military Family through standards of excellence, **R**esearch, education/training, and continuum of care impacting **R**ecreation and **R**ehabilitation to achieve **R**eintegration.

R4 Alliance History

- ▶ Inspired by the call to action issued through Admiral Mullen and the Warrior and Family Readiness Office of the Joints Chiefs of Staff
- ▶ Began with 8 boots on the ground practitioners from programs nationwide, representatives of The Office of the Joint Chiefs, The Office of the Secretary of the Army, VA representatives, and members of Our Military Family
- ▶ Incorporated in January 2013, and achieved 501c3 status in February 2014.

R4 Alliance: Needs Identified

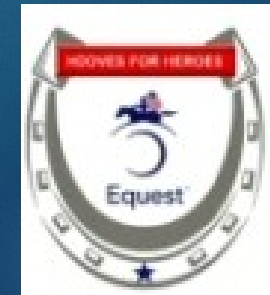
- ▶ The need for unified research efforts to prove service efficacy
- ▶ The need for establishing standards of practice and codes of ethics to improve service delivery
- ▶ The need for effective communication between service providers to create and maintain a quality continuum of care
- ▶ The need to develop focused educational and training protocol to improve the capability of the service providers while meeting Our Military Family's requirements
- ▶ The need to maintain economic viability while programs and networks are created and/or expanded

R4 Alliance: Objectives

- ▶ Create and utilize collaborative **Research** and evaluation tools that provide a substantial evidence base to: advocate recreation as a crucial component to health and wellness, disseminate findings through the medical community, and provide protocol for individualized client treatment plans
- ▶ Serve as a nationally recognized alliance of service providers promoting **Standards of Excellence** developed and driven by our membership organizations to ensure effective recreation services to Our Military Family
- ▶ Provide information sharing systems facilitating communication between service providers necessary for a collaborative **Continuum of Care** needed for the highest quality of service provision
- ▶ Establish **Education and Training** guidelines to facilitate the distribution of shared experience and knowledge across the service providers
- ▶ Enhance funding and **Economic Viability** through creative private sector fundraising initiatives and private and public grant writing applications.

R4 Alliance: Current Members

Higher Ground, Project Healing Waters, Project Sanctuary, North East Passage, Team River Runner, Georgia Aquarium, Sierra Club, Honor House, Operation Game On, World Team Sports, TERROS, Soldiers to Summits, Healing Our Heroes Project, Eagle Rock Camp, Operation AMPED, Semper Fidelis Health and Wellness, Hooves for Heroes



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